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CHAPTER 104

SENATE BILL 1248

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-1644, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE BOARD OF NURSING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-1644, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-1644. Approval of nursing schools and nursing programs;
5 application; maintenance of standards

6 A. The board shall approve all new prelicensure nursing, nurse
7 practitioner and clinical nurse specialist programs pursuant to this section.
8 ~~Am~~ A POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL institution or school in this state ~~desiring~~
9 THAT IS ACCREDITED BY AN ACCREDITING AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES
10 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DESIRING to conduct a professional, practical, nurse
11 practitioner or clinical nurse specialist nursing program shall apply to the
12 board for approval and submit satisfactory proof that it is prepared to meet
13 and maintain the minimum standards prescribed by this chapter and board
14 rules.

15 B. The board or its authorized agent shall conduct a survey of the
16 institution or program applying for approval and shall submit a written
17 report of its findings to the board. If the board determines that the
18 program meets the requirements prescribed in its rules, it shall approve the
19 applicant as either a professional nursing program, practical nursing
20 program, nurse practitioner program or clinical nurse specialist program in
21 a specialty area.

22 C. A nursing program approved by the board may also be accredited by
23 a national nursing accrediting agency recognized by the board. If a
24 prelicensure nursing program is accredited by a national nursing accrediting
25 agency recognized by the board, the board does not have authority over it
26 unless any of the following occurs:

27 1. The board receives a complaint about the program relating to
28 patient safety.

29 2. The program falls below the standards prescribed by the board in
30 its rules.

31 3. The program loses its accreditation by a national nursing
32 accrediting agency recognized by the board.

33 4. The program allows its accreditation by a national nursing
34 accrediting agency recognized by the board to lapse.

35 D. From time to time the board, through its authorized employees or
36 representatives, may resurvey all approved programs in the state and shall
37 file written reports of these resurveys with the board. If the board
38 determines that an approved nursing program is not maintaining the required
39 standards, it shall immediately give written notice to the program specifying
40 the defects. If the defects are not corrected within a reasonable time as
41 determined by the board, the board may take either of the following actions:

42 1. Approve the program but restrict the program's ability to admit new
43 students until the program complies with board standards.

44 2. Remove the program from the list of approved nursing programs until
45 the program complies with board standards.

1 E. All approved nursing programs shall maintain accurate and current
2 records showing in full the theoretical and practical courses given to each
3 student.

4 F. The board does not have regulatory authority over the following
5 approved nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist programs unless the
6 conditions prescribed in subsection C are met:

7 1. A nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist program that is
8 part of a graduate program in nursing accredited by an agency recognized by
9 the board if the program was surveyed as part of the graduate program
10 accreditation.

11 2. A nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist program that is
12 accredited by an agency recognized by the board.

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